things, we have to provide them the service. However, I want to make one point quite clear that in the normal course of recruitment, there is no shortage, and a reasonable number of young men and, sometimes, women are joining the Air Force. Women are also joining the Air Force now, and they are providing good services. Premature retirement comes after recruitment, after putting services for several years, and when they find, especially, at the time of retirement that they will have to go for the civilian employment, at that time, this trend is little more.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Are you thinking of some institutionalised arrangement for this purpose?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: At this juncture, it will be too premature to talk of any institutional arrangement. We have taken it up with the Civil Aviation Ministry.

जम्मू- कश्मीर सीमा पर तैनात सैनिकों की संख्या में कमी किया जाना

*150. **डा. प्रभा ठाकुर**:क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या जम्मू-कश्मीर सीमा पर सैनिकों की संख्या में कमी की गई हैं;

(ख)क्या पाकिस्तान द्वारा सीमापर से की जा रही आतंकवादी गतिविधियों में कमी आई है; और

(ग) क्या पाकिस्तान ने भी अपनी सीमाओं पर सैनिकों संख्या में कमी की है तथा भारत की नियंत्रण रेखा को स्वीकार कर लिया है और यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी विवरण क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्री (**श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी**): (क) जम्मू-कश्मीर राज्य में सीमा पर तैनात सैनिकों की संख्या में कोई कमी नहीं की गई है।

(ख) रिपोर्टों से पता चलता है कि पाकिस्तान तथा पाकिस्तान अधिकृत कश्मीर में आतंकवादी प्रशिक्षण शिविरों की संभारिकी अवसंरचना अभी भी अक्षत है। यह देखा गया था कि 2005 के शुरुआती पांच महीनों में सीमापार से घुसपैठ के प्रयासों की संख्या में कमी आई थी। तथापि, जून तथा जुलाई,2005 में सीमापार से घुसपैठ में वृद्धि हुई है।

(ग) ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं हैं जिनसे यह पता चलता हो कि पाकिस्तान ने अपनी सीमाओं पर सैनिकों की संख्या में कमी की है। दोनों पक्षों ने नियंत्रण रेखा की संतता बनाए रखने पर सहमति व्यक्त की है।

Reduction of Troops in J&K Border

†*150. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of soldiers have been reduced on the border of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether there is a decline in the cross-border terrorist activities being carried out by Pakistan; and

(c) whether Pakistan have also reduced the number of soldiers on its border and accepted the Indian Line of Control and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There has been no reduction in the number of troops deployed oh the border in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) Reports indicate that the logistic infrastructure of the terrorist training camps inside Pakistan and in Pakistan occupied Kashmir still remains intact. It was observed that there was a reduction in the number of infiltration attempts from across the border in the initial five months of 2005. However there has been an increase of cross border infiltrations in June and July 2005.

(c) There are no reports to suggest that Pakistan has reduced troops on its borders. Both the sides have agreed to maintain the sanctity of the Line of Control (LoC).

डा. प्रभा ठाकुर:माननीय सभापति जी,माननीय मंत्री जी का जो उत्तर आया है,उससे यह बडी चिंताजनक स्थिति है। आरम्भ में तो स्थिति सामान्य थी,लेकिन जून और जुलाई में आतंकवादी गतिविधियों में बढ़ोत्तरी हुई है। आज की स्थिति में,जबकि दोनों देश पाकिस्तान और भारत मैत्री की ओर कदम बढ़ा रहे हैं,तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगी कि पाक अधिकृत कश्मीर या पाकिस्तान में जो आतंकवादी प्रशिक्षण शिविर चल रहे हैं, क्या भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान सरकार से इस विषय में बातचीत की है? क्या वे बातचीत में इसे स्वीकार करते हैं? अगर वे स्वीकार करते हैं,तो इन्हें रोकने के लिए वे क्या कार्यवाही कर रहे हैं और भारत सरकार इस दिशा में इन गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, let me put it very bluntly and candidly. No country accepts that it is supporting cross-border terrorism or it is

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

providing shelters, training and aiding and abetting it. Therefore, there is no question of admission by Pakistan. But the information which we have, on the basis of that I have indicated that there are infrastructures, training camps, launching pads and other types of logistic support which are being provided from the other side of the border, and they are more or less intact.

Secondly, another point is also to be kept in view; terrorism cannot be switched off and switched on. When it is destroyed, it is destroyed completely. But when it continues, there would be a period when there is less activity, and there would be a period when there is a spurt in activity, specially, when the passes have cleared, after the snow melts, infiltration and exfiltration steps up. Therefore, these are the months when we shall have to be extra careful.

So far as taking it up with Pakistan is concerned, we are trying to impress upon Pakistan every time talks are held that they should stick to the commitment that was made by President Musharraf in January 2004 that the soil of Pakistan would not be allowed to be used by terrorists to campaign against the neighbouring country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Producing Energy from garbage

*142. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy given for power projects using garbage as raw material;

(b) the other similar projects which get subsidy;

(c) the number of units which produce energy from garbage commissioned so far and the quantum of electricity produced; and '

(d) the number of more such units likely to be established this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) An accelerated programme on Energy Recovery from Urban Wastes has